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## THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

### OHIO MAN ACCUSED OF PLOTING GOVERNMENT ATTACK CAN STAND TRIAL

**I**A federal judge on Tuesday finalized a ruling that an Ohio man accused of plotting to attack the U.S. Capitol with guns and bombs was competent to stand trial. U.S. District Judge Sandra Beckwith in Cincinnati preliminarily ruled on Monday that Christopher Cornell, 22, was competent and she finalized that decision in a filing. Cornell, of Green Township, Ohio, near Cincinnati, was arrested in January 2015 and accused of plotting an attack using pipe bombs and bullets. He pleaded not guilty to charges of attempting to provide material support to the Islamic State militant group, attempted murder of government officials, possession of a firearm to commit a crime and solicitation to commit a violent crime. **REUTERS**



### MISSOURI MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO THREATENING BLACKS AT UNIVERSITY

**2**A Missouri man has pleaded guilty to making threats on social media against black people after the University of Missouri president resigned during protests over his handling of reported racial abuse, officials said on Tuesday. Hunter Park, 20, pleaded guilty in the Boone County courthouse in Columbia, Missouri, on Monday to making a terrorist threat in November and will be sentenced on June 16, Boone County assistant prosecuting attorney Brouck Jacobs said. Jacobs said he has recommended three years of prison for Park, who is from the St. Louis suburb of Lake St. Louis, Missouri. Park remains free on bond pending the sentencing. **REUTERS**

### CLINTON AIDES TRAVELING TO PUERTO RICO FOR ZIKA MEETINGS

**3**Hillary Clinton is dispatching two top aides to Puerto Rico this weekend for a fact-finding trip to learn more about the Zika virus, her campaign said. Clinton aides Amanda Renteria and Ann O'Leary will meet with officials on the island territory, which has become a breeding ground for the virus in the United States. In Puerto Rico, there are some 400 confirmed cases of Zika, which is spread by mosquitoes and through sexual contact, and public health experts predict that eventually as many as 80 percent of the island's 3.5 million residents could become infected. Clinton said in a statement provided by her campaign to Reuters that more must be done to combat the spread of Zika in Puerto Rico, which has an abundant mosquito population and also a decades-long recession that has made curbing that population difficult. **REUTERS**



One of the electric buses COURTESY OF PROTERRA

# Philly to become first big city on East Coast with electric buses

We're No. 1! SEPTA was informed Tuesday that it has been selected for a federal grant that will bring electric buses to Philly.



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Air quality is a serious matter to anyone who has ever been on the receiving end of a belch of diesel smoke out the back of a truck or bus.

In Philadelphia, that situation will start improving soon, as SEPTA learned Tuesday it will get a grant to acquire 25 zero-emissions electric buses, which will roll out along the 29 and 79 bus routes in South Philly.

"I'm super pumped!" said Jen Hombach, a Morris Street resident — where the 29 bus travels — and environmental activist with 350 Philly.

"The electric buses would be such a difference," she said. "If I want to walk to Columbus Plaza, now I won't have to deal with breathing the fumes when the bus is rolling that way."

The grant — approximately \$2.5 million — will go toward 25 new electric buses — as part of a pilot program to see how the technology fares in Philly.

SEPTA will be buying 40-foot Proterra Catalysts, which can carry 77 passengers, similar to current buses. The rest of the money for the total cost of the project — \$23.9 million — has already been budgeted.

"We have one of the greenest bus fleets in the country," said SEPTA deputy general manager Rich Burnfield, citing that more than half of Philly buses are hybrids. "With 25 electric buses, this is a real opportunity to pilot those vehicles."

Two canopy-style charging stations will be installed along the routes. Some retraining for SEPTA operators and mechanics is anticipated, Burnfield said.

"That would be one of the biggest, if not the biggest, transit agency investment in zero-emission buses in the U.S. northeast," said Gina Coplon-Newfield, director of the Sierra Club's electric vehicles initiative. "Philly would become a real leader in terms of investing in zero-emission buses."

In New York City, there are no plans to buy electric buses, and they are still buying diesel, compressed natural gas (CNG), and "clean" or low-

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sulfur diesel buses, which an MTA spokesman said are as fuel-efficient as hybrid buses. The MTA last bought hybrid buses in 2010. In Boston, they are planning to buy 325 new buses — hybrids and CNGs — by 2017, an MBTA spokesman said, but are also working on contracts to acquire five electric articulated buses from CTE and New Flyer.

As lithium battery technology evolves, driven by demand for personal electric cars, costs are dropping. A feasibility study by SEPTA found that electric buses would cost just \$0.27 per mile in electric power to operate. When Tesla's Gigafactory in Nevada reaches full capacity in 2020, it is projected to

produce more lithium ion batteries per year than were produced worldwide in 2013.

Proterra CEO Ryan Popple predicted the electric vehicle industry, including in public transit, will expand dramatically in the next decade.

"We look at electric vehicles as so futuristic, but from a technological perspective, they're so simple," Popple said.

Costs for the technology are steadily dropping as electric vehicle battery technology evolves, Popple said. Electric bus prices have dropped by more than \$500,000 in the last five years, he said, and Proterra currently prices them at \$650,000 to \$750,000.

As prices drop, Popple predicted, the electric vehicle market will become "disruptive" of the traditional combustion-engine vehicle market.

"It's quite possible that combustion vehicles become entirely extinct within the next five to 10 years because of the cost deficiency," he said.

"What do we do to get all the way there, to be zero-percent emission or to power these vehicles with nothing but renewable energy? As procurements of diesel and natural gas slow down, it's about asking transit managers: are these [diesel buses] really a good idea long-term?"

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# 'Donkeys Around Town' coming for DNC

Philadelphia's 2016 Host Committee announced 57 fiberglass donkeys will be popping up at locations around Center City.



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Former Gov. Ed Rendell had a roomful of people crooning "hee haw," before he announced 57 fiberglass donkeys will be coming to town in a few weeks.

The Philadelphia 2016 Host Committee for the Democratic National Convention broke the news Tuesday that "Donkeys Around Town," a new civic program launched by the host committee, the city's Mural Arts Program and ArtJawn.com, would be putting life-size fiberglass donkeys in select spots in Philly this summer.

Fifty-seven painted donkeys will represent the 50 states, five U.S. territories, Washington, D.C., and Democrats as a whole.

The idea is to build momentum in the coming weeks and months in advance of the DNC and to challenge visitors to Philadelphia, delegates and residents alike to find the donkeys through a yet-to-be-finalized scavenger hunt. Each donkey will depict iconic images of the state or territory it represents as well as the respective name, and will be painted by a local Philadelphia artist.

"You all remember the cows in Chicago, which was such a tremendous hit? Really, they energized an entire town," said Rendell.

"When I was governor ... they put 44 fiberglass fish in different places around Erie. They put a map out, and every time I went to Erie, I would see the tourists



The Pennsylvania delegation donkey on display. CHARLES MOSTOLLER

with their maps out checking out all the different fish. So I thought, what a great idea to have donkeys around town, because the host committee wants us to have a great convention for the people of Philadelphia, and to feel a part of this convention."

They'll be on display from July 1 through Sept. 5 at a number of easily accessible locations from the Delaware River to the Schuylkill River, said Rendell, and it will be everybody's jobs to find them. Some locations will be at attractions like the Kim-

mel Center, the Independence Beer Garden, or the Cira Center, for example.

Jane Golden, executive director and founder of the Mural Arts Program, said that 28 artists were selected from a pool of 150 who applied by invitation.

"A diverse, broad range of artists were chosen based on their age, their craft, and their stage in their careers," she said.

The Pennsylvania donkey, which boasts the state flower (the mountain laurel), the state bird (the ruffed grouse), and other state images like scenes from Amish country and the Liberty Bell, was on display at Franklin Square during a press conference Tuesday.

"The donkey represents the common folks. We're not flashy people," said Pennsylvania Democratic Party Chairman Marcel Groen.

Pennsylvania's was a prototype, and 57 donkeys will be fabricated by a distributor in Chester.

The project cost roughly \$200,000, which will be shared by the host committee, the Mural Arts Program and the DNC, according to Rendell.

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**Kensington throat slashing leaves one woman critically injured, hospitalized**

A woman was in critical condition after she was found on the street with her throat slashed overnight.

Police said the victim's throat had a 12-inch slash across it when she was found by officers near the corner of Frankford Avenue and Stella Street around 3 a.m. Tuesday,

NBC10 reported.

"She had a piece of denim wrapped around her neck. She was bleeding profusely from the neck," Philadelphia Police Chief Inspector Scott Small told 6ABC.

Investigators found a blood trail that seemed to indicate the victim had staggered down Stella Street about 75 feet while bleeding, NBC10 added.

Authorities took the

woman to Temple University Hospital in critical condition, according to 6ABC.

The woman did not have identification on her, NBC10 said, also stating that authorities have been reviewing surveillance video to uncover what led to the incident.

There was no word on a possible motive for the slashing. JASON NUCKOLLS



The intersection near where the victim was found. GOOGLE MAPS

# Philly man helps runner make it to finish line

A guy from West Philly sacrificed time off his own clock to help a struggling participant complete Boston Marathon.



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A West Philly man in Monday's Boston Marathon slowed himself to help a fellow runner whose legs gave out under him cross the finish line.

Jim Driscoll, 25, had already missed his target goal of completing the race in under three hours, so when Ari Ofsevit of Cambridge, Massachusetts, nearly collapsed near the finish line, Driscoll and one other person ran to his aid.

"Me and the other guy, Mitch, put [Ofsevit's] arms around our shoulders and carried him about 100 yards to the finish line," said Driscoll.

"We yelled for medical and the medical staff got right over and scooped him up from us."

Even marathon winner Meb Keflezighi, praised Driscoll and his comrade, Mitch Kies, 37, for his lending a hand.

Driscoll ended up finishing the race in three hours, five minutes, 11 seconds (3:05.11). Kies finished in three hours, four minutes and 41 seconds (3:04:41). And despite needing a little help getting to the end, Ofsevit finished with the fastest time of the trio at three hours, three minutes and five seconds (3:03:05).

Driscoll, who has run the Philadelphia Marathon three times, said he ran the Boston Marathon last year, too, but this year's weather was significantly taxing on the runners because of the heat.

"The heat got to a whole lot of people this year. This was the first marathon I ever walked



Jim Driscoll runs in Monday's Boston Marathon. SUSANINA SIMON

in," he said.

"I wasn't going to meet my goal, so the time at the moment didn't particularly matter. I probably only wasted 30 to 45 seconds doing this and it didn't mean anything to me at the time."

Driscoll said he'd heard from medics at the scene that Ofsevit suffered from severe heatstroke and ended up spending the night in a Boston hospital. Driscoll said he believed he was still there as of Tuesday afternoon. Ofsevit could not be reached for comment Tuesday.

"He was nonresponsive [at the finish line]," said Driscoll.

"There were a lot of people passing out from heat, but this was a particularly bad case. When we were carrying him, he was not able to support any of his own weight."

"Mine is not the only example of things like this happening at the Boston Marathon or any marathon. It happens all the time," Driscoll went on to say.

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# Family of hit-and-run victim begs driver: 'Come forward'

Police are "stumped" for clues as to who fatally struck the 27-year-old bicyclist, who was a recent Drexel engineering grad.



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The family of a Drexel grad killed in a weekend hit-and-run is pleading for the driver responsible to come forward.

"I am pleading with the person who hit my son — I forgive you. ... Please come forward," said Channabel Latham-Morris, whose 27-year-old son, Jamal, died two days after he was hit while biking at 45th and Market around 4 a.m. Saturday.

"Jamal lost his life by a senseless hit-and-run driver while he was on



The family of Jamal Morris, 27 (shown below). From left: friend Bill Mahon, mother Channabel Latham-Morris, father Hector Morris, and sister Natasha Morris. CHARLES MOSTOLLER



his bike," she told media outside Penn Presbyterian Medical Center, where Morris died from his injuries Monday at 10:10 a.m.

"He had a severe, devastating brain injury with a lot of bleeding in his brain," said José L. Pascual, a trauma and neurointensivist at Penn Presbyterian.

Morris was so badly hurt in the crash that

first responders initially thought he was the victim of an assault, police said.

Police have no leads in the case.

"We're stumped right now. ... We have no piece of the car left behind, we have no physical evidence, we have no reliable eyewitnesses," said accident investigation division Capt. John Wilczynski. "I have to appeal to the conscience of the person that hit him to come forward and turn themselves in. That'd be the right thing to do."

Morris' parents live in Warwick, New York.

His mother said she is focusing on the positive despite the tragedy.

"I'm going to miss him dearly. But I want you to know that seven people are going to be saved by his life," she said. "His organs were donated to seven individuals. So he is going to live on."

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# Apple refused China's request for source code in last two years

Apple has been asked by Chinese authorities within the last two years to hand over its source code but refused to do so, the company's top lawyer told U.S. lawmakers at a hearing on Tuesday.

Apple general counsel Bruce Sewell made the statement in response to a line of attack from law enforcement officials who have attempted to portray Apple as complicit in handing over information to Chinese authorities for business reasons while refusing to cooperate with U.S. requests for access to private data in criminal investigations.

Apple and the FBI returned to Washington to testify before lawmakers about their heated disagreement over law enforcement access to encrypted devices, highlighted in the case of a locked iPhone linked to

a gunman in last December's Islamist militant-inspired shootings in San Bernardino, California.

Earlier in the hearing before a House Energy and Commerce subcommittee, Capt. Charles Cohen, commander in the Indiana State Police, repeated the suggestion that Apple has quietly cooperated with Beijing. But when pressed by Rep. Anna Eshoo, a California Democrat, for the source of that claim, Cohen only cited news reports.

"That takes my breath away," a visibly frustrated Eshoo said.

The growing use of strong default encryption on mobile devices and communications by criminal suspects is handicapping investigators' ability to pursue them, law enforcement officials told the hearing. Apple Inc. and other



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*"That is a huge allegation."*

Eshoo

companies defend the technology as integral to protecting consumers.

Thomas Galati, chief of intelligence at the New York Police Department, said his investigators had been unable to open 67 Apple devices in a six-month period

from October 2015 to March 2016. Those phones were implicated in 44 violent crimes 23 felonies, including 10 homicides, two rapes, and an episode where an on-duty officer was shot, Galati said.

Sewell, who testified on a separate panel before the same committee Tuesday alongside technology experts, argued that any vulnerability built into its products would harm "one hundred percent" of its users.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation retreated last month from its high-profile pursuit of a court order that compelled Apple to help the agency unlock a county-owned iPhone 5c tied to shooter Rizwan Farook in San Bernardino. A still secret third party helped the government hack into it. REUTERS

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# More Olympic projects under investigation for corruption in Brazil

Carlos Lima is a lead prosecutor on a task force that discovered a cartel of engineering firms siphoning kickbacks from state oil firm Petrobras to political parties.

A sweeping investigation into corruption in Brazil is targeting more infrastructure projects for this year's Olympic Games than previously made public, a federal prosecutor told Reuters, citing testimony from construction companies and executives.

Carlos Lima said the probe into corruption on projects for the Olympics in Rio de Janeiro in August was not limited to Porto Maravilha, or the "Marvelous Port," a regeneration



Construction of the new 'Porto Maravilha' project. GETTY IMAGES

of the city's waterfront that includes five high-rises bearing the name of U.S. property mogul and presidential candidate Donald Trump.

"There are more," Lima said in an interview in his office in the southern city of Curitiba. "There are leniency agreements under way that talk about this, but until they are finalized we will not know how many [projects] for sure."

The corruption allegations are not expected to hinder work on infrastructure for the games, which is nearly finished, but they do further cloud an event

set to start in the middle of Brazil's worst political and economic crises in decades.

The lower house of Brazil's Congress, many of whose members are themselves under investigation for corruption, voted on Sunday to impeach President Dilma Rousseff on charges she manipulated budget accounts.

If the Senate agrees to put her on trial, as seems likely, Rousseff will be suspended for up to six months and would be unlikely to return to power.

Five engineering firms are building most of the \$11 billion worth of venues and infrastructure needed for the Olympics, the first to be held in South America. All five are under investigation for price fixing at Petroleo Brasileiro SA, as Petrobras is formally known. REUTERS

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## O.J. Simpson has a crush on Kris Jenner — and Caitlyn

O.J. Simpson could be up for parole next year, and he's apparently centering all of his postprison plans — and romantic pursuits — around one reality TV-friendly family. "O.J. has had a crush on Kris [Jenner] forever," author Ian Halperin tells the Sun. "He believes the relationship that Kris is in now with Corey Gamble is a sham. He believes he is the man for her and intends to pursue her when he gets out of prison. There is definitely a long history there." Oh, but wait, it gets so much better. Apparently the Juice is just eager to get in on the "Keeping up with the Kardashians" empire — any way he can, even through Caitlyn Jenner. "O.J. is obsessed with Caitlyn," Halperin claims. "He is struck by how



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she has captured the hearts of the world and said with a straight face, 'When I get out of here I would consider dating her, too.'" And honestly, I wouldn't put it past any of them.

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## Iggy Azalea bans personal questions



Australian rapper and controversy-magnet Iggy Azalea has an album due out in June, and she's looking to prep any folks who might be interviewing her on her press tour. Her main message? Let's keep things professional. "I always answer questions honestly. But my job is to promote my music, not my relationship," she tweeted recently. "I'd love to be interviewed about the former only." Yeah? Well, I'd love a pony that poops "Hamilton" tickets, what's your point? But at least she's looking to quell everyone's curiosity before the next round of sit-downs starts, updating the world on the status of her relationship with Nick Young: "For the record, I haven't broken up with Nick. We are together and I would love to be given a little (a lot) of privacy on the matter," Azalea tweeted. Man, she's all about expressing wants and desires, huh?



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## Katie Holmes really, really loves Suri's birthday

How much does Katie Holmes love daughter Suri Cruise's birthday? She'd make it a national holiday if she



could. Like, literally. In an Instagram post giving her daughter — with ex-husband Tom Cruise — a b-day shout-out, Holmes revealed that it's "my favorite day of the year," followed by a rather excessive six exclamation points. Of course,

judging by paparazzi photos of Suri's actual 10th birthday festivities, you'd be hard-pressed to believe the young lady herself really is so hot on the day, but photographs can be deceiving. Who knows? Maybe she's tired of mom stealing all her birthday thunder.

## Piers Morgan gives the Beckhams parenting tips

David and Victoria Beckham seem to have plenty of pride in their children, but Piers Morgan thinks they also seem to have no shame. He's taking issue with the Beckhams' recent posting of a video of youngest child Cruz Beckham singing, calling the overshare "shameless." And Morgan knows a thing or two about

shamelessness, you guys. "You get these celebrity parents and they bang on about protecting their kids and privacy and so on, and there they are Instagramming this 11-year-old to gazillions of people trying to make him a star like Brooklyn [Beckham] — now a photographer," Morgan said during a "Good Morning



Britain" interview. "Can't they just be kids, really? When they leave school, [they can] make their own decisions. If they want to go into this kind of thing, then great. This, to me, it's shameless."

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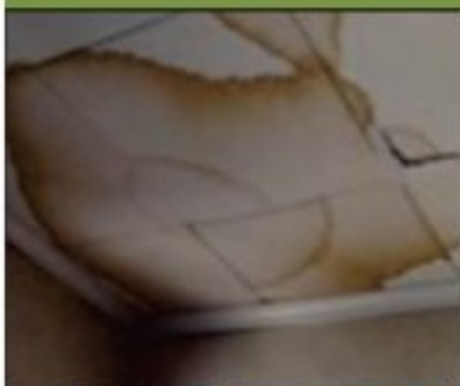
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# Stop making pot brownies

There's a better way to cook with cannabis — and a better high to get from it.



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As a chef and a bartender, Michael Cirino knows all about rituals around a table. But because cannabis isn't legal, it's been held back from dinner parties.

Cirino is looking to change that image with his class at Brooklyn

Kitchen, "Cooking with Cannabis," which makes its debut — when else? — April 20.

"Because of its prohibition, [cannabis] has been left out of all of these interesting traditions that other food has," like the presentation of wine in a restaurant, he says.

"Cannabis was either smoking a joint or hitting a bong. It's not done at a table with your family. I was really disappointed by that and I wanted to change it."

At a recent preview of his class, Cirino dispelled

some of the myths about cannabis as an ingredient — and how we've been using it all wrong.

## A mellow high

Cirino's class materials begin with a two-page disclaimer reminding attendees that cannabis remains illegal to buy, sell and in most places, consume for recreational use. (He used oregano as a substitute.) It also includes this intriguing line: "Cannabis can cause mind-altering effects if dosage levels are high enough."

"Can" cause?

The reason you get out-of-your-mind high is that, like hot peppers, cannabis varieties have been bred for maximum intensity for so long that it's difficult to control the amount of THC, Cirino says.

Cooking with cannabis is, first and foremost, about learning what it can do for you at a dose that doesn't leave you incapacitated for hours.

## Baked goods are bad

This will make your cookie deliveryman sad, but other than being good for a pun, baked



Michael Cirino wants you to have a different experience with cannabis. GABRIELLE PEDRIANI

goods are one of the worst ways you could consume cannabis.

"I don't recommend making brownies or cookies," Cirino says. "You're tempted to eat more once you're stoned." There's also the simple fact that it doesn't taste good — the herb is woodsy and bitter — and the plant matter is difficult to digest.

Cirino likes putting it in coffee, sauces, ice cream, rich soups and duck fat — "steak is even better when you put more fat on top of it," he points out. "Anything you can put fat and alcohol in that tastes delicious, you can use cannabis in." When dosed properly, the dish should "feel like the food plus a glass of wine."

## A little chemistry

Cannabis is oil-soluble, so it can't be brewed like tea. It has to be heated to undergo decarboxylation — the scientific term for activating the THC, which is the relaxing and/or hallucinatory drug. It can be done with a short, intense burst of heat — seven minutes in a 300-degree oven is enough.

Next is infusing it into fat or alcohol. This can be done several ways: In the class, Cirino infuses duck fat using a double broiler and bourbon using an aerosol canister, then extracts the concentrate using an Aeropress. As a guideline, 1 gram for every 30-50ml is "coffee strength," while 20-25ml

will make it "cocktail strength." A typical dose is 5ml of oil or tincture, or about one full eyedropper.

## The future of fine dining?

As the class ends, Cirino glances at the participant sitting closest to him. "Do you think it will ever become as acceptable to have a cannabis-laced tasting menu at Eleven Madison Park as a wine pairing?" It's not a rhetorical question.

For him, this is the dream. The woman shrugs, but her apologetic expression says it all. Even if cannabis becomes acceptable, there's a lot of stigma left to dismantle.

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The Southern-tinged psych-rock group had to replace its drummer and guitarist (both left the band to work with blues riser, Leon Bridges) and enrolled acclaimed English producer Ethan Johns to guide the direction of the album. Aside from more lightweight production, though, front man James Petralli doesn't think the end result is a dramatic shift for the band.

"Having the two new guys definitely added some different color," says Petralli. "But, to me, it's pretty similar — we kind of touched on all of these approaches in our past records, you know — we've done funkier tunes, we've done heavier rock stuff, we always have an R&amp;B ballad on our records. That's kind of how I like to write records."

In some ways, he's cer-

tainly correct. "Stiff" features riff-heavy, rollicking rock 'n' roll cuts like "Had 2 Know (Personal)" and swirling, loungey, psychedelic tunes like "(I'm the One) Big Big Fun" that fit right into White Denim's back catalog.

But it's also a little more stripped-down, as shown on the upbeat, bluesy, radio-friendly rocker "Ha Ha Ha Ha (Yeah)." "We've never really released anything that's so sparsely built out with instruments," explains Petralli. "At a certain point, there might be six instruments playing not including voice — in our old recordings, it would be not uncommon to have 15 or 16 instruments playing at once."

## Set in his ways

Petralli explains that the jam-laden cut "Thank You" is his favorite on the album because it's most similar to how the group has recorded before.

"There are a few different

layers, and there's effects going on that I think are really cool, you know, more atmospheric," he says. "I feel like we got some more chuckles out of the process doing that — sitting in the control room, messing with delay knobs and stuff like that."

## On recording live

Unlike most producers, who record each instrument in the studio separately, Ethan Johns prefers the old school method of recording the whole band together.

Considering both his credentials — producer for Crosby, Stills and Nash, Paul McCartney, Kings of Leon — Petralli put his faith in Johns. "You get a real sense of togetherness and solidarity in the band when you track a song together and you nail it," says Petralli. "There's just an energy that's created when you're tracking live that is kind of inarguable."

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## Savvy design tips

Brooklyn Blonde's Helena Glazer teamed up with HomeGoods and Homepolish to transform her new digs.



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HomeGoods recently partnered with interior design service Homepolish to makeover fashion blogger Helena Glazer's (aka Brooklyn Blonde) new NYC brownstone. And the results are Pinterest gold.

Designer Matthew Cane and Glazer hit up eight HomeGoods locations sourcing items used to style the duplex.

Here are three design



tips we are totally incorporating into our homes:

### 1 Get creative with plant stands

Glazer's husband, Keith Hodne, has a green thumb and to highlight his plant collection — like this cactus that actually belonged to Hodne's grandfather — Cane flipped over a wire trash can and used it as a modern plant stand.



### 2 Hang mirrors behind shelves

"Standing mirrors add drama and dimension to any room," says Cane. "By propping up these two huge mirrors [behind the living room bookcases] we opened up the whole room and gave it a light, airy feel."



### 3 Look beyond baby decor

Glazer, who is expecting her first child this month, was stuck on what to do with the nursery. While they were shopping for the room Cane came across these animal heads, and voila.

"He told me he had this crazy idea to do an animal bust gallery wall vs. what you typically see in nurseries, and I'm obsessed with the way it turned out," says the blogger.

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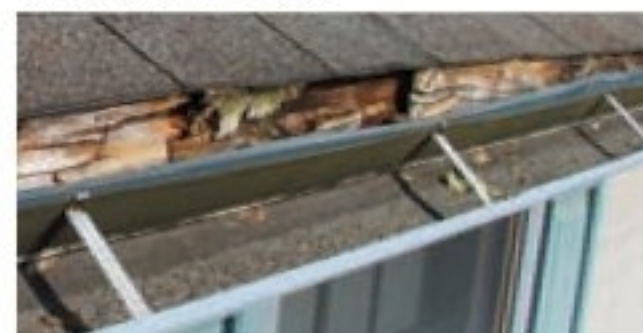
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## Some high-end advice

Star of Bravo's "Million Dollar Listing" weighs in on your next move.



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Got a couple of spare millions? Well, if not, you can still dream.

Fredrik Eklund, Luis D. Ortiz and Ryan Serhant are back for the fifth season of Bravo's "Million Dollar Listing New York." The three real estate agents fight for the top New York listings and duke it out to make the biggest deals. It's. Addicting.

We chat with Ortiz about making the big move from the suburbs to the city — what you should anticipate, what you should research and of course, what you should buy.

First, he suggests independent research — because the Internet, duh. He advises going online to get a general idea of what the market looks like and, most importantly, figure out what you're really looking for. "Be aware of what [you] can afford," Ortiz, who's been a real estate broker in New York for seven years, warns. "And [do] your homework with mortgage bankers and be specific in [your] search."

If you don't have the kind of cash Ortiz and the other stars of "Million Dollar Listing" are working with, get flexible with your location to find a property within your price range. According to Ortiz, loca-



Luis Ortiz GETTY IMAGES

tion drives the price the most, and then levels of finishes and developers. So when you're checking out that East 57th Street condo near Central Park or the tiny studio next to the Boston Common, even if the square footage is small, the location will increase the price exponentially.

And more bad news: When making the transition from the suburbs to the big city, be prepared to downsize... a lot.

"[You] can't expect the same amount of

square footage in the city," says Ortiz. "Keep in mind, you're starting a new life. [You] can't expect to bring everything [with you]."

But it's not all bad. You can live your real estate fantasies vicariously free (or for the price of a cable subscription) on Bravo when the series returns. Ortiz promises the next season is "inspiring, exciting and dramatic."

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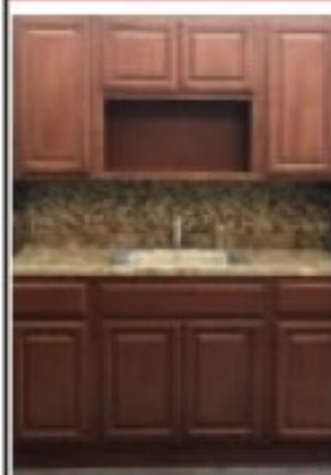
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# Can Flyers delay the inevitable in Game 4?

A few bad apples continue to tarnish a proud sports tradition.



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Did Flyers fans throw objects onto the ice Monday night during the Flyers' embarrassing 6-1 Game 3 loss because they are awful fans?

Or because their team quit on them?

Capitals head coach Barry Trotz says the Flyers just stopped playing when things got tough.

"Obviously we pulled the game away and they weren't interested in playing anymore," the coach, whose Washington squad now leads 3-0, said, "and so we ended up on the power play for the last seven or eight minutes. I just thought it wasn't good for the game, plain and simple. We're on national television I don't think it

displays our game very well."

After a spectacular pregame light show that interactively gave each fan a wristband that lit up during the performance, fans littered the ice with the bands after a scrum toward the middle of the third period cost the Flyers 25 penalty minutes.

Ryan White was too busy being penalized for his own behavior to notice the behavior of the Philly faithful, but he empathizes with them.

"I didn't realize they got warned or whatever," White said. "But I mean, whatever. I love the Philly fans. I'd be doing it, too."

The incident, paired with an emotional tribute to founder and owner Ed Snider paints a dim picture of Philadelphia sports fans, one already tainted due to incidents involving thrown objects, booing and intentionally vomiting on 11-year-old fans. But that's a very,



Flyers fans had every right to be upset Monday, but throw things on the ice? Probably not. GETTY IMAGES

very small minority.

"I think it's just unfortunate that there were a few people not acting

right and it ended up costing their team," Caps winger Jason Chimera said, looking back at a

two-minute minor penalty assessed to Philly after fans refused to listen to announcer Lou Nolan's

plea for dignity. "Guys are not trying to lose out there. They're trying their best; they're trying to win. It's unfortunate for a few fans to ruin a good night."

The Flyers have announced that there will be no light show in Wednesday's Game 4, and no chance for redemption from Philly's misbehaving fans. But there is a shot at redemption for the players, albeit a slim one.

"Obviously, we've got to be hungrier, we've got to play a lot more desperate," Wayne Simmonds said Monday. "Like someone said, 'We're hanging on to our lives here.' We'll never give up in this dressing room, it will never be over. Keep fighting till it's over. We know we have to come out we have to be extremely hungry next game, and we got to bring it."

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# Phillies issues start at the top of the order

The Phillies have had lackluster hitting all season from their leadoff men.

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Freddy Galvis led off with a double, then proceeded to steal third base. Moments later, Odubel Herrera singled to score Galvis.

That is textbook on how to succeed as a leadoff hitter. Unfortunately for the Phillies, that's been a very rare sight.

The Phillies' weekend series with the Nationals epitomized everything that is wrong with the team's production out of the leadoff spot.

In each of the three games, the Phillies had three different players bat first — Galvis, Cesar Her-

nandez and Emmanuel Burriss. The combination wound up going 1-for-13 with no runs, no walks and just one RBI. That lone RBI would be Galvis' walk-off hit on Sunday. Go figure.

Manager Pete Mackanin is well aware of the issues that his team faces from that spot in the order.

"I feel like I don't have a legitimate leadoff hitter right now," Mackanin said last week.

That much is evident. So far, on their homestand the Phillies are a dismal 2-for-29 out of the leadoff spot. Even worse, there hasn't been a single walk all season out of that spot. Counting Monday's game, the leadoff hitter in the lineup is 3-for-33 since the start of the Padres series.

Last year, only the No. 3 batting position (.276) had



The Phillies are, pretty much, the worst hitting team in baseball. GETTY IMAGES

a higher average than the No. 1 spot (.269) among all 30 MLB teams.

Through 14 games entering Tuesday's game with the New York Mets, the Phillies leadoff position has an average below .140 with just eight hits and two runs.

The Phillies lineup had produced a National League-low of 36 runs and an MLB-worst average through Tuesday afternoon.

When Galvis or Hernandez or Burriss aren't starting things off with a hit or even a walk, opposing pitchers can really hone in on the Phillies'

heart of the order without the pressure of having a baserunner to bat. Odubel Herrera, Maikel Franco and Ryan Howard won't do any damage if there aren't runners in scoring position.

That's been the story all season.

Somehow, though, the Phillies find themselves hovering around the .500 mark despite their offensive ineptitude. Until things change at the top of the order, the offense will continue to sputter. When it does, though, this Phillies team will start to win some of these close games.

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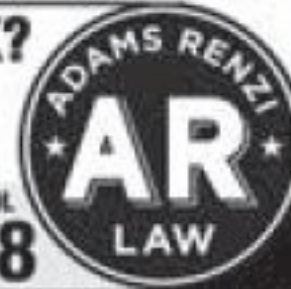
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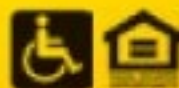
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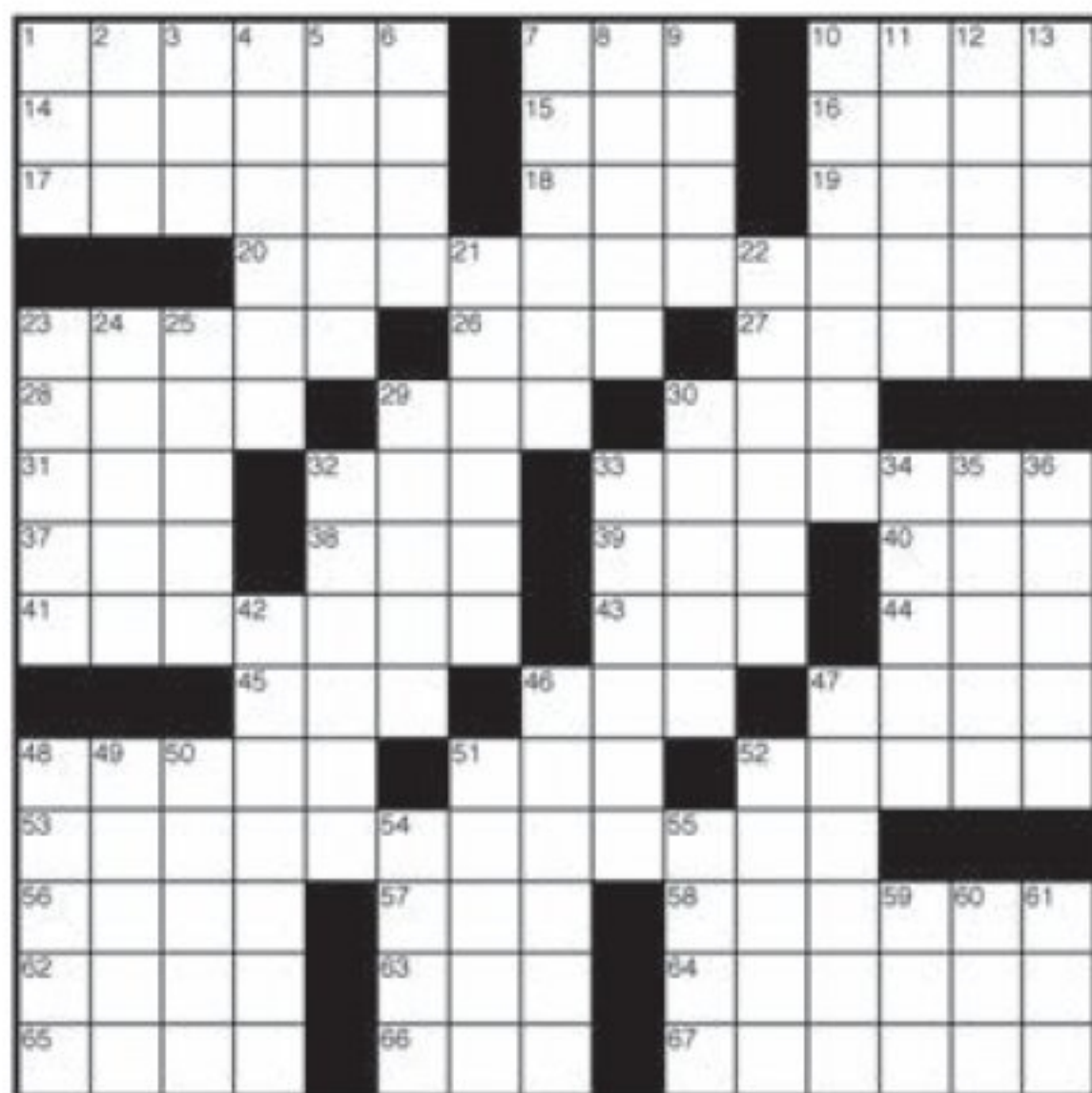
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### Across

- 1 Hodgepodge
- 7 Health resort
- 10 Wine-press residue
- 14 Ilsa in "Casablanca"
- 15 Successful at-bat
- 16 Helm position
- 17 Potato flour
- 18 Mi. above sea level
- 19 Layered mineral
- 20 Funnel maker
- 23 Understands intuitively
- 26 Got acquainted
- 27 Watered silk
- 28 Ruby and garnet
- 29 All-purpose MDs
- 30 Dock denizen
- 31 — take forever!
- 32 Mr. in Bombay
- 33 Swollen ego
- 37 Prior to
- 38 Ben- —
- 39 More than med.
- 40 Hire a lawyer
- 41 On the house (2 wds.)
- 43 Sighs of relief
- 44 Prefix for dent
- 45 Rapper — Kim
- 46 Mich. neighbor
- 47 High wire act
- 48 Colorado ski resort
- 51 Tampa Bay pro
- 52 Full of lip

## metro.us /games

- 5 Nobelist — Pauling
- 6 Party cheese
- 7 Fossil-yielding rocks
- 8 Sitcom demo
- 9 Business letter abbr.
- 10 Tar pit victim
- 11 Suspect's need
- 12 Happen again
- 13 Knock it off
- 21 Strike caller
- 22 PR concerns
- 23 Deep distress
- 24 Nostalgic style
- 25 Stranger
- 29 Thin porridge
- 30 Some angles
- 32 Draw up
- 33 Turn pale
- 34 "Melrose Place" star
- 35 Sights for psychics
- 36 Apollo but not NASA
- 42 Speckled
- 46 Bounced by the bouncer
- 47 Feigning
- 48 Kind of turf
- 49 Camel's backbreaker
- 50 Thug's gun
- 51 Shore up
- 52 Tea biscuit
- 54 Malicious
- 55 Roman poet
- 59 — es Salaam
- 60 Nice summer
- 61 Billy — Williams

- 53 Dismay at the dealers (2 wds.)
- 56 Journey
- 57 Winery feature
- 58 Canceled
- 62 Rev the engine
- 63 Floe or berg
- 64 Natural
- 65 Used plastic
- 66 Was in front
- 67 Longitude unit

### Down

- 1 Skippy rival
- 2 One, to Maria
- 3 Dept. head
- 4 Building blocks

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easy

|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
|   |   | 3 |   |   | 6 | 5 |   |   |
|   |   | 4 |   | 3 |   |   |   | 7 |
|   | 7 | 1 |   |   |   |   | 3 | 4 |
|   |   |   | 7 | 6 | 4 |   |   | 5 |
| 4 |   |   |   | 5 |   |   |   | 2 |
| 7 |   |   | 2 | 1 | 8 |   |   |   |
| 2 | 3 |   |   |   |   | 9 | 5 |   |
| 1 |   |   |   | 8 |   | 4 |   |   |
|   |   | 5 | 1 |   |   | 6 |   |   |

hard

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|   |   | 2 | 6 | 5 |   |   |   | 4 |
| 6 | 1 |   | 4 |   |   |   |   | 5 |
|   |   | 8 | 9 |   |   |   | 3 |   |
|   |   |   | 7 | 2 | 8 |   |   |   |
|   | 5 |   |   |   | 3 | 8 |   |   |
| 5 |   |   |   |   | 1 |   | 9 | 6 |
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|   |   | 1 |   |   | 6 |   | 4 |   |

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**Aries** Size up your situation and search for the best way to resolve issues. An affectionate approach will bring the best results when dealing with a loved one.



**Taurus** You've got moves that will surprise everyone, so don't hold back when it's time to strut your stuff. Take on a challenge and voice your opinion, or start something new.



**Gemini** Make a personal change that will help you overcome bad habits and people who have been bad influences. Stand tall and head in a direction that encourages positive growth.



**Cancer** You'll be tempted to try something different. Jump in and see where it takes you. Chances are you'll make new acquaintances and learn something interesting.



**Leo** You will gain popularity if you are willing to compromise and contribute realistic solutions to any problems that crop up. Romance will lead to positive personal changes.



**Virgo** Use your intelligence when it comes to your financial affairs. If someone tries to lure you into a get-rich-scheme, keep in mind that a practical solution will be your best bet.



**Libra** Emotions will surface, causing confusion. Back away from anyone putting demands on you. It's up to you to bring about the changes that will add to your happiness.



**Scorpio** Listen carefully and gather the information needed to follow through with your plans, but don't let anyone talk you into something that isn't in your best interest. Follow your heart.



**Sagittarius** Take a moment to evaluate a situation that appears to be shaky. You are best off walking away from a joint venture and focusing your time and money on your home.



**Capricorn** Don't be too eager to share your plans. Someone is likely to pull a fast maneuver that will leave you in the lurch. Do your own thing.



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